

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the verified translation of PCT/EP2004/052525, including the List of Reference Numerals, in favor of the concurrently submitted Substitute Specification. That substitute specification is the result of the entry into the verified translation of a cross-reference to related applications, of suitable section headings and of a discussion of several prior art documents, as was done in the PCT application; the deletion of the List of Reference Numerals and of references to the claims; the correction of minor errors in phrasing, grammar and punctuation; and a general revision of the verified translation, to place the Substitute Specification more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice. These changes and corrections do not constitute any new matter. A marked-up copy of the verified translation, which shows the changes made thereto, to arrive at the Substitute Specification, is enclosed for the Examiner's review.